

REMARKS

Claims 10-12, 14-20 and 22-26 are pending. Claims 14-20 and 24-26 are allowed. It is noted that the summary sheet incorrectly identifies claim 24 as being rejected. Claims 22-23 were rejected and have been amended to overcome indefiniteness rejections. . No new matter has been added.

Claims 22 and 23 were rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for not containing active method steps. The Examiner has further rejected claims 22 and 23 as indefinite for reciting "a single of [sic] double stranded polynucleotide DNA or RNA compound according to claims 14[15]", which was considered to have no antecedent basis. The claims have been amended and are believed to be free of these rejections. Support for the amendment can be found throughout the specification, e.g. in Example 9. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

The Examiner objected to Figures 9 and 10 as having multiple parts that were improperly labeled and not referred to properly in the specification. The specification has been amended to properly refer to the new drawings that are filed herewith. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance, and Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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